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For: [REDACTED] NIO

From: DCI

Here is a copy of the letter Dillon Ripley got from the guy whom I sent you a note about last week- the same guy who berated him 13 years ago by mail for belonging to the outfit that included Taiqan and thus was all bad. Now he is more friendly.

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Peking, China

November 8, 1976

Dr. S. Dillon Ripley, Secretary  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Ripley:

I feel much regretful, indeed, that owing to health reasons I have not been able to make reply earlier to your kind letter received sometime ago.

I take pleasure in sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the revised edition of my Distributional List of Chinese Birds, which is just out of the press. I understand that there is a translation of the previous edition of the Checklist into English sponsored by your Institution and I wonder if it will be convenient for you to secure on my behalf one or two copies of the translated version. I'd certainly feel obliged to you if you will continue to send me copies of your publications as well as copies of the International Council for Bird Preservation, which may be available for general distribution.

With regard to Amberiza siemseni, I hope you will excuse me for being not able to make exchange with you at present, as these buntings are very limited in number in our own collections.

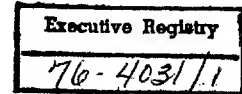
With best wishes and warm regards to both Madame Ripley and your good self, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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November 22, 1976

Mr. George Bush  
5161 Palisade Lane  
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear George:

I enjoyed so much our conversation this morning and want you to know that I am seriously interested in visiting Tibet sometime, due to my long-standing interest in the birds of that part of the world. As you know, I have been in Western Tibet back in 1927 and in Bhutan, in the neighborhood of the Tibetan border, as recently as 1967-1973. I am sure that some of my ornithological colleagues in China would welcome at least the possibility of a visit by myself to Tibet, and I enclose a copy of the letter which I mentioned to you from Dr. Cheng received very recently. I shall be in touch with him shortly on an exchange of bulletins and other publications on birds, and was much amused to find that he wishes to receive material from the International Council for Bird Preservation, an organization which he denounced to me some years ago, in the 60's, because of its alleged relations with Taiwan.

With best wishes to you both in which Mary joins, I am,

Always sincerely yours,


S. Dillon Ripley  
Secretary

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NOTE FOR: NIO/China 

1. Dillon Ripley, head of the Smithsonian, came for a visit today. You may recall that when Dillon came to visit me in China he asked if he could see Dr. T. H. Cheng with the Academia Sinica. Dillon had written Dr. Cheng from time to time. In 1962, Dillon had received a rather rude letter from Dr. Cheng when Dillon had invited him to join in an international bird group of some sort. Cheng wrote back and blasted him, saying that he thought the organization was subversive since Taiwan was involved in it.

2. When Dillon Ripley saw Dr. Cheng at our house in Peking, Cheng couldn't have been more pleasant, reminded Dillon that he, Cheng, had been to Yale, and wondered how come Dillon hadn't been there in 1945--Dillon telling him that he didn't come until right after the War.

3. To bring the story up to date, Dillon received a letter from Dr. Cheng last week, expressing interest in the international group and offering to exchange information, etc., no mention of the illegal regime of Taiwan.

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George Bush  
Director

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